



**May 21, 2019**

**Item No. 1**

**RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS  
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT**

Presenters: Michael J. Gurgone, Chief Investment Officer  
Margaret Jones, Director of Revenue and Partnerships

**Recommendation**

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") ratify the Chief Executive Officer's acceptance of two grant awards from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in the amount of \$717,750.00, under HUD's Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator program and \$819,137.00, under HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency ("FSS") Program. The grant awards from HUD may only be utilized for the following:

- 1) **ROSS** - Fund three (3) ROSS Service Coordinators to enhance CHA's Victim Assistance Program (VAP).
- 2) **FSS** - Support the employment of fifteen (15) FSS Coordinators, who will provide Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") families with economic, financial and education-based programming.

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority board policies. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

**Funding 2019 REVENUE**

HUD ROSS Service Coordinators Program	\$717,750.00
HUD Family Self Sufficiency Program	\$819,137.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,536,887.00</b>

**Background**

The Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the grants were released on May 31, 2018 (ROSS) and October 31, 2018 (FSS). The CHA's Revenue and Partnerships and Resident Services staffs collaborated on the applications which were submitted to HUD on July 30, 2018 (ROSS) and November 26, 2018 (FSS) respectively.

On February 12, 2019, the CHA received official written notice of a \$717,750.00 grant award from HUD's ROSS Service Coordinator for Fiscal Year 2018. The grant will fund three (3) ROSS Service Coordinators for the existing CHA Victim Assistance Program (VAP) for a period of three (3) years.

On February 14, 2019, the CHA received official written notice of a \$819,137.00 grant award from HUD's FSS Program for Fiscal Year 2018. The grant will fund fifteen (15) FSS Coordinators for a period of one (1) year.

HUD's award letters to the CHA required that the CHA execute and return the Grant Agreements within 72 hours of receipt. The CHA executed and returned the Grant Agreements to HUD on February 12, 2019 (ROSS) and February 14, 2019 (FSS) in accordance with HUD's requirements. This is part of CHA's 2019 Budget. Treasury will perform draws in compliance with HUD requirements.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael J. Gurgone  
Chief Investment Officer

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-CHA-**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 21, 2019 entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

**THAT,** the Board of Commissioners ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's acceptance of two grant awards from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in the amount of \$717,750.00, under HUD's ROSS Service Coordinators Program and \$819,137.00, under HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency ("FSS") Program.

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Eugene E. Jones, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chicago Housing Authority